

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

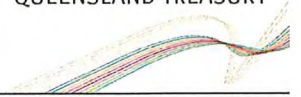
Details

Lead department	Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI)
Name of the proposal	Forestry and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Forestry Act 1959</i> <i>Forestry Regulation 2024</i> <i>Forestry (State Forest) Regulation 1987</i> <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> <i>Nature Conservation (Forest Reserves) Regulation 2000</i> <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994</i> <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2024</i>
Date of issue	September 2024

For proposals noted in table below

Complete and delete rows where applicable. No further analysis is required.

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	This amendment regulation proposes to: - revoke the entirety of the State plantation forest declaration on one State forest - revoke the entirety of five State forests and parts of ten State forests - redescribe eleven State forests - revoke parts of one national park - increase the area of six national parks and two conservation parks - dedicate two new national parks and one new conservation park - revoke the entirety of one nature refuge to allow the area to be declared as a special wildlife reserve All areas that are proposed to be dedicated as national parks and conservation parks are currently unallocated state land or State forests managed by DESI. The proposal for the nature refuge and special wildlife reserve is freehold land and the relevant parties under sections 43D and 47 of the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> have consented to the amendment. Landholders are closely involved in the negotiation and development of their conservation agreement. This regulatory amendment proposal is machinery in nature, consistent with regulatory best practice principles and the objectives of the <i>Forestry Act 1959</i> and the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>.



	This proposal is machinery in nature, to update schedules in the <i>Forestry Regulation 2024</i>, the <i>Forestry (State Forest) Regulation 1987</i> and the <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994</i> and does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy or new impacts on business, government, or the community. Beekeeping currently occurs on apiary sites in a number of State forest areas that are proposed to be dedicated as national park through the above proposal. Consistent with government policy, beekeeping industry access to existing apiary sites is to continue when such land is dedicated as national park. Beekeeping in State forests is authorised by permits granted under the <i>Forestry Act 1959</i>, however when the land tenure changes new permits are required to be granted under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>. To facilitate this transition, DESI will issue existing permit holders with new permits under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> at no cost for the remaining term of their permits under the <i>Forestry Act</i>. The forestry areas where beekeeping occurs (the apiary areas), and the corresponding number of apiary sites must be prescribed in Schedule 6 of the <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2024</i> to allow apiary permits to be granted for these sites in national parks. This proposal is minor in its impacts as there are no or negligible costs, so no Regulatory Impact Assessment is required.
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*Refer to *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

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